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Happy New Year

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2017 Chess in Review

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2018 Chess in Preview

by Tom Braunlich

2017 chess in Oklahoma saw the restoration of most of our traditional tournament events following the loss of our two most active organizers in 2016, Frank Berry and Steve Wharry.

The establishment of two new memorial tournaments to them was our most important accomplishment for the year, along with the restoration of the Jerry Spann Memorial. All of these events were successful and we will be continuing them in 2018 as discussed next page.

The launch of this publication has also gone well, as we are now on our 15th issue without missing a deadline. The "OCM" in 2017 published some excellent articles including an exclusive by Lou Hays about Bobby Fischer, and many others. I'd like to thank all who have contributed — and to invite all of you to consider sending material for publication –

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stories, games, info on upcoming events, "News Bites", etc. It makes my job easier if I don't have to write so much myself.

We found a new venue in OKC which proved popular and made a deal with the hotel to hold three events there in 2018 (see below). We are trying out a similar new higher-quality venue for Tulsa as well (although it is expensive).

The impressive advance up the title ladder by IM Advait Patel is of course the biggest news event of the year here. Patel started the year at 2454 and an FM title and proceeded to earn an IM title and two GM norms, raising his USCF rating 150 points by year's end! Very impressive. Patel's rise has been somewhat under the nation's radar, and I predict he will have a breakout year in 2018.

2018

The OCF is currently planning five large two-day traditional chess tournaments in 2018, three in OKC and two in Tulsa. In addition we continue two long customary one-day tournaments, the Red River Shootout Texas-Oklahoma team tournament down in Davis, OK, now in its 16th year, and the Holiday Open sponsored by Jim Berry, which will be in its 28th year.

The Challenger's Chess Club typically holds 2-4 one-day tourneys in OKC every year, and the OCF will continue to support them and advertise them here in the Upcoming Events page. We also will let you know here about tournaments scheduled in nearby cities like Fort Smith, Fayetteville, Joplin, Wichita, and elsewhere in the surrounding region. (Organizers be sure to shoot me your info when you get it finalized.)

The OCA always has its annual tournament in June. Also this year they might have a special event, a state Senior's tournament, because this year U.S.Chess is sponsoring a national senior championship to be held at the U.S. Open with one representative from each state playing in a 6-round swiss, much like the annual Denker tournament of High School Champions. It's up to each state how to select their representative, and one of the ideas is to hold a special qualifier tournament. I'll have details here as soon as they get it planned.

GM Timur Gareyev is scheduled to give a blindfold chess exhibition in conjunction with the Frank Berry Memorial in May, thanks to generous sponsorship by Harold Brown. We hope to use that to get publicity for chess in Tulsa, and it should be a fascinating event.

Overall, 2018 should be a good year for chess here if all goes as planned. OCF is planning at least 8 events, OCA 2, and we should also get some one-day tournaments out of the Challengers in OKC and the chess club at OU. Time to start preparations!

OCF EVENTS IN 2018:

FEB. 17-18	Oklahoma City Open OKLAHOMA CITY
APR. 21	16th Red River Shootout DAVIS, OK
MAY 18	GM Gareyev Exhibition TULSA, OK
MAY 19-20	2nd Frank K Berry Memorial TULSA, OK
JULY ??-??	50th Jerry Spann Memorial OKLAHOMA CITY
AUG 25-26	2nd Steve Wharry Classic TULSA, OK
NOV ??	??? OKLAHOMA CITY
DEC 29	28th Holiday Open TULSA

CHESS CLUBS

OKLAHOMA CHESS CLUBS — UPDATED LIST
Chess clubs have a tendency to change times or meeting locations without remembering to tell outsiders. Well, here is the latest updated info I have on Oklahoma clubs. Let me know if you or your club has anything to add to this list…

Oklahoma City

The Challenger's Chess Club
http://www.okchallengers.org/
Wednesday and Friday: 5pm to 9pm
Kamp's 1910 Café, 10 N.E. 10th

Saturdays: 2pm to 6pm (and sometimes later)
Full Circle Bookstore, 50 Penn Place

Contact: Joe Veal culjoe2012@yahoo.com

Tulsa

1) Foolish Things Coffee Shop
Saturdays: 9am to 1:30pm
10th and Main St., downtown.
(Breakfast served, comfortable location)

Activities:

- Weekly Club Email Newsletter with puzzles we solve together
- Group Study Sessions
- Group watching/discussion of major live chess events
- Skittles play
- Occasional rated play

Contact: Tom Braunlich, tom.braunlich@cox.net

Club members Michael Nugent, James Joy, and Istvan Szabad watching the 2016 world championship match live in group discussion.

2) Tulsa — Barnes & Noble Chess Clubs:
Tuesdays 5pm+ at 41st & Yale B&N coffee shop.
Fridays 6pm+ at 71st & S. 89th E. Ave. B&N.

OU
Chess Club at the University of Oklahoma
Irregular meeting dates and times, but current announcements about meetings, tournaments, and other events are on their Facebook page:
https://www.facebook.com/theouchessclub/?ref=br_rs

Stillwater

Mondays: 7pm to 10pm
Pizza West, 5601 W. 6th Ave.
Contact: Jim Berry, jaberrycg@aol.com

Lawton

Thursdays: 5pm to 8pm
The Percolator (coffee shop), 605 S.W. E Ave.
Contact: Mike Tubbs, amtubbychess@gmail.com
580-357-3011

Bartlesville

Thursdays: 6:45pm to 9pm
First United Methodist Church
4715 Price Road, ½ mile east of the Mall.

Ardmore

Thursdays: 6:30pm to 9pm
Starbucks, 911 Holiday Drive
Contact: Bruce Wells, bruceawells314@gmail.com

A scene at the Ardmore chess club. (photo: Bruce Wells).

Muskogee

Tuesdays at 5pm at Fort Gibson Public Library

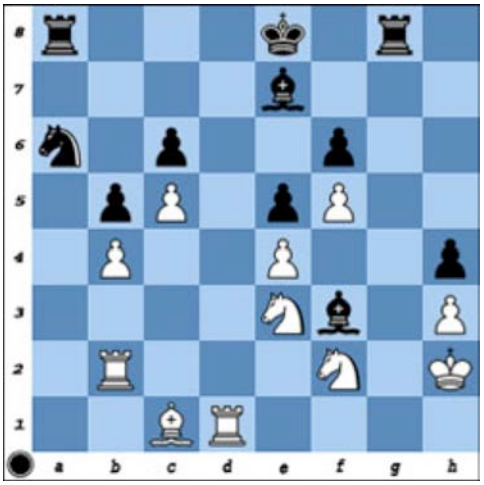
Tahlequah

Wednesdays at 6pm at Tahlequah Public Library

Bristow

Currently defunct

Sheng, Joshua (2373)
Patel, Advait (2449) [A41]
UT Dallas Fall Open 2017 Dallas USA (7.6), 21.11.2017 *[TB]*
1.d4 d6 2.Nf3 g6 3.c4 Bg7 4.Nc3 e5 5.dxe5 dxe5 6.Qxd8+ Kxd8 7.Bg5+ f6 8.Rd1+ Ke8 9.Bc1 Be6 10.e3 Nh6 11.Be2 Nf7 12.0 - 0 Nd7 13.a3 Bf8 14.e4 c6 15.b4 a5 16.c5 Be7 17.Nd2 b5 18.g3 h5 19.f4 Bh3 20.Rf2 Nh6 21.f5 Ng4 22.Bxg4 Bxg4 23.Re1 g5 24.Nf1 h4 25.Ne3 Bh5 26.gxh4 [Opening this file is very dangerous. Better was the cautious 26.g4 Bf7 when white's position is slightly passive but should be good enough. Apparently that was not to white's taste...] 26...gxh4 27.h3? [27.Rg2] 27...Nb8! Nice move, targeting white's weak b-pawn. 28.Rb2 This rook is no longer available to guard the g-file! 28...Na6 29.Ncd1 Rg8+ 30.Kh2 Bf3 31.Nf2 axb4 32.axb4



32... Nxb4! 33.Rxb4 Bxc5!
[Perhaps white had counted only on 33...Ra2 34.Rb2 Rxb2 35.Bxb2 Bxc5 36.Nfg4=] 34.Rb3 Ra2 35.Rf1 Bxe3 36.Rxe3 Rg2+ 37.Kh1 Rgxf2+ 0-1

Patel,Advait (2449)
Gareev,T (2615) [C84]
UT Dallas Fall Open 2017 Dallas USA (6.4), 20.11.2017
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7 6.d3 b5 7.Bb3 d6 8.a3 0-0 9.Nc3 h6 10.h3 Re8 11.Nd5 Bf8 12.c3 Be6 13.Re1 Na5 14.Ba2 c6 15.Nxf6+ Qxf6 16.b4 Nb7 17.d4 Bxa2 18.Rxa2 exd4 19.cxd4 d5 20.e5 Qe6 21.Bd2 a5 22.Qc2 Rec8 23.Rb1 Qe8 24.a4 bxa4 25.Rxa4 axb4 26.Rxa8 ½ - ½

From the Steve Wharry Classic

Long, James (2011)
Orton, Bill (2200) [B21]
Steve Wharry Classic 2017 (4.3), 26.11.2017 *[TB]*
1.e4 c5 2.d4 cxd4 3.c3 dxc3 4.Nxc3 Nc6 5.Nf3 e6 6.Bc4 Nf6 7.Qe2 Ng4!? I learned from the Okie Database that Bill has tried this move at least once before -- in an old Steve Wharry tournament (Phillips 66 Classic, 2006). He won it. I've seen this played in similar positions with the pawn on d6, allowing a retreat square on e5 for the knight. So, Long's next move tried to take advantage of no pawn on d6... 8.e5!? [8.0-0 Nce5 9.Nxe5 Nxe5 10.Bb3 is also pretty good comp for the pawn for white.] 8...d5 9.exd6 Bxd6 10.0-0 Nd4!? [10...0-0 is pretty equal, but you have to hand it to Orton for thinking way out of the box here and having the guts to try such a move! Unfortunately it is unsound...] 11.Nxd4 Bxh2+ 12.Kh1 Qh4!? [The problem with 12...Qxd4 is 13.Nb5] 13.Nf3 [13.Nf5! Qf6 14.Qxg4 exf5 15.Qe2+ Be5 *(15...Be6 16.Bb5+ Kf8 17.Kxh2)* 16.f4 etc. wins easily.] 13...Qh5 14.g3 Bxg3+ 15.Kg2 Bxf2 [Although black temporarily has 3 pawns for the piece, unfortunately not only is the B hanging, but white is threatening Bb5+ disruption. If black now saves the piece his king will soon become a target. 15...Bc7 16.Bb5+ Kf8 17.Rh1 with a huge attack for white. So, Bill decides to roll the dice again and go for a very unusual

TOP 25

For JANUARY 2018

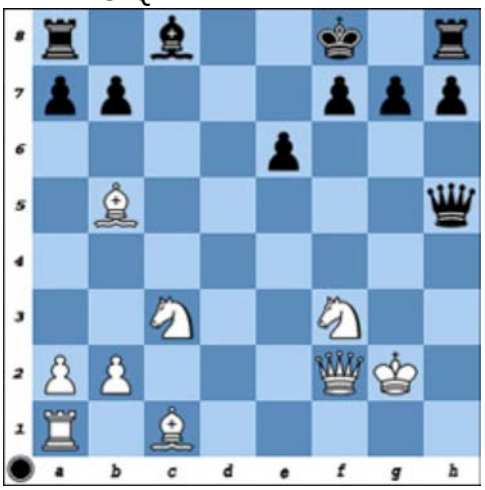
Top 25 Active Oklahoma Players				
	Player	This Month	Change +/-	
1	Advait Patel	2603	1	
2	Daniel Ng	2273	0	
3	Howard Zhong	2265	0	
4	Mark Hulsey	2221	0	
5	Tom Braunlich	2209	0	
6	Tom Amburn	2200	0	
7	Sergey Galant	2188	0	
8	Joshua Alexander	2142	0	
9	Chibuzo C Ilonze	2135	0	
10	Anthony Paolercio	2106	0	
11	Chuck Johnson	2087	0	
12	John Cope	2084	0	
13	James Tyner	2074	0	
14	David Luscomb	2068	0	▲
15	Charles D Unruh	2062	0	▲
16	Tom Patton	2060	-8	▼
17	Logan Zachare	2053	11	▲
18	Matt Dalthorp	2051	0	
19	Veronika Zilajeva	2047	0	
20	Adonis Turner	2047	0	
21	Michael Nugent	2039	-17	▼
22	Charles M Unruh	2039	0	
23	James Long	2033	0	
24	Alan Islas	2024	0	
25	Shaun G-Bowcaster	1994	-7	

Player of the Month

ADONIS TURNER

Oklahoma's newest expert swept through the rapid Holiday Open event on Dec 30 showing his fine attacking style.

material imbalance:] 16.Bb5+ Kf8 17.Rxf2 Nxf2 18.Qxf2



So black ended up with a rook and 4(!) pawns, for three pieces. If the pawns were threatening to roll, this could be interesting. But the problem is black's king lives behind those pawns, and pushing them just exposes him to the piece crossfire. And black also is behind in development. Actually this is a big edge for white, and Long does a good job from here on proving that... 18...f6 19.Bf4 a6 20.Rd1 axb5 21.Rd8+ Kf7 22.Rxh8 e5 23.Nxe5+ fxe5 24.Bxe5+ Kg6 25.Qg3+ 1-0

Orton, Bill (2200)
Patel, Advait (2565) [C02]
Steve Wharry Classic 2017 (3.1), 25.11.2017
[TB]
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nf3 Bd7 6.a3 f6 7.Bd3 Qc7 8.exf6 [I don't know much about this line but it seems to me capturing on f6 is cooperative in helping black free his game. Instead, white can offer his e-pawn as by while continuing development: 8.0-0 fxe5 9.Nxe5 Nxe5 10.dxe5 *(10.Bf4!?)* 10...Qxe5 11.Re1 Qd6 12.c4 with compensation for the pawn. Perhaps Patel has already studied this line.] 8...Nxf6 9.0-0 c4 10.Bc2 Bd6 Black already looks better here, as his has the better central control and a kingside attack, all at the cost of only the backward e-pawn, which might advance soon to e5 anyway. Orton tries to open the b-file, but it takes too long to get counterplay going. 11.Re1 0-0-0 12.Nbd2 Rhf8 13.b3 cxb3 14.Bxb3 e5**µ**

PUZZLES

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White to move and win. (Easy)

White to move and win. (Difficult)

15.dxe5 Nxe5 16.Qc2 [16.Nxe5 Bxe5 17.Rxe5!? *(17.Nf3 Bxc3)* 17...Qxe5 18.Nf3 might be a reasonable exchange sacrifice to break black's attack, but is pretty hard to believe.] 16...Nfg4 17.Bxd5 [17.h3 Nxf2 18.Kxf2 Bf5 19.Qa2 Nd3+ 20.Kg1 Bh2+!] 17...Nxf3+ 18.Bxf3 [18.Nxf3 Bxh2+ 19.Kh1 Bf5 wins also] 18...Bc5! [18...Bxh2+ is also good: 19.Kf1 Nxf2 20.Kxf2 Qg3+ 21.Ke2 Bg4] 19.Ne4 Bxf2+ 20.Nxf2 Qxh2+ [20...Qxh2+ 21.Kf1 Nxf2 22.Qxf2 Bb5+ 23.Re2 Rd1+] 0-1

Amburgy, Ryan (1783)
Glashausser, Sho (1833) [E11]
Steve Wharry Classic 2017 (5.6), 26.11.2017
[TB]
This is a very nice game by Sho Glashausser, winning against another young talented opponent who only makes a few small mistakes but quickly ends up in a bad position anyway. 1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 Bb4+ 4.Bd2 Qe7 5.a3 Bxd2+ 6.Qxd2 0-0 7.Nc3 d6 8.e3 e5 Black's play is right out of the Lev Alburt playbook for how to play the Bogo-Indian. You trade off your dark bishop, then place your center pawns on the dark squares with ...d6 followed by ...e5, getting your share of the center and making sure your remaining bishop is not blocked by pawns. Next if white plays d4-d5 black will create a great outpost square on c5 for his knight and have the better position as in the game... 9.d5 [Tempting, but not good. These pawns make white's bishop somewhat "bad" and give black the c5 square. Better I think is to keep the central tension by playing 9.Qc2 so that you can meet ...e4 with Nd2, and then follow with Be2 and 0-0 with an even game.] 9...a5 10.Be2 [10.Rb1 (to play b2-b4) is embarrassed by 10...Bf5] 10...Nbd7 11.0-0 a4! Cementing control of the c5 knight outpost while also giving that knight an invasion square on b3 for later. 12.Qc2 Nc5 Black is already considerably better in such positions. I think the original "Bogo" himself, Bogulyubov, won similar games against the old masters 100 years ago. 13.e4 [White should probably avoid this move. It's hard to see why, at this point, but the fact is that this move gives another knight outpost square on d4 for later in the game, plus with the pawn on e4 black has the possibility of eventually playing pawn to f5 and opening up the center. I think white should already be thinking about how

Answers to the Puzzles

(1) 1. Rxg7+ Kxg7 2. Bh6+ ! (this is the move that is hard to see perhaps) 2…Kxh6 3. Qxf8+ followed by Rg1+ next move wins easily.

(2) Two features of the position can be used against black here for a winning combination – the threat of Ne7+ forking is only being stopped by the B on d8, and the precarious position of the N on b3. With some creativity you can see 1. Rab1 Attacking the pinned N. Black's only choice is to move it to counterattack white's Q: 1… Nd2 Now we remember that key B on d8, defender against Ne7+ and we play 2. Rxb8 Nxc4 3. Rxd8! Black doesn't have time for recapturing on d8 (…Rxd8) because of the fork, which would leave him down a piece. Black must move his Q, but after 3… Qg5 4. Rxf8+ Kxf8 5. Bxc4 White now has a winning R+B+N vs Q, and black has no "tricks." After 5…Qh4 6. Nb6 Qd8 7. a5 Black resigned.

to equalize the game here, and perhaps try 13.Nd2 to cover the b3 invasion square and perhaps later play b2-b4 and try to trade off black's N.] 13...Bg4! 14.h3 [Black is happy to exchange his unemployed bishop for the guardian of d4. White should probably keep this knight and try 14.Nd2 Bxe2 15.Nxe2 but black still has an edge with 15...Nh5≥ planning ...f5] 14...Bxf3 15.Bxf3 Nfd7 16.Rad1 Nb3 17.Nb5 Ryan moves to control the d4 square, but it is only going to be a temporary fix. Black has many ways to improve his position and white can't keep them all covered... 17...Ndc5 18.Bg4 Trying to prevent ...f5 18...g6! Black is threatening two good positional breaks with ...f5 as well as a well-timed ...c6 move. 19.f4?! [I think Ryan correctly realized he needed to do something active before he gets pushed into a passive position -- he has good instincts that way -- but this is the wrong way to do it because it leads to more weak dark squares in the center. I'd suggest a different try: 19.Rfe1 c6 20.dxc6 bxc6 21.Nxd6 *(21.Nc3 Nd4µ)* 21...Nd4 22.Rxd4 exd4 23.e5 might be worth a try for white, as a better way to "mix things up", but looks doubtful. Here white would have a pawn for the exchange, and some vague tactical tricks in the air. This would give him practical chances to outplay his opponent, even though it is no doubt unsound theoretically. But the way he does it in the game just hastens the end (although this requires some nice play by

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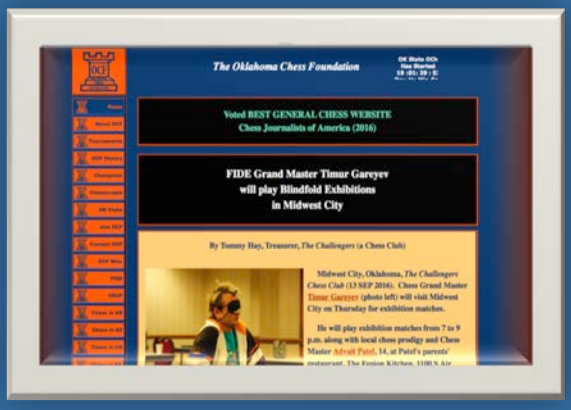
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27th HOLIDAY OPEN WON BY ADONIS TURNER

The annual Holiday Open, organized and directed for 27 years now by Jim Berry, was held for the first time out of Stillwater at a new location in Tulsa, the Harvard Avenue Baptist Church at 17th and Harvard. It is always held on the Saturday between Christmas and New Years, with four rounds of rapid chess.

The fast time control of G/50 always makes for many upsets and exciting games, and this time was no exception. 32 players and many spectators braved the cold weather to come.

The tournament was won by Expert Adonis Turner, 4-0, who is returning to chess after a long layoff. He lives near Catoosa (north of Tulsa) and has an excellent attacking style, gaining 25 points in this event and $200 prize.

His last-round victory over Logan Zachare on board one is the "Game of the Month" this issue. (Page 11).

Second was Anthony Paolercio (3½), who beat your editor in the last round. Stephen Gehly won Class A, 10-year-old Luke Tran and Joshua Fernandez had excellent events and won Class B, Class C went to Oscar Wang, Class D/E to Gabriel Teubner who had a fine 3-1 score. Young Preston Koloen won Class F, and the Unrated prize went to Adley Buford, and his initial rating will be in the 1300s.

Thanks to Harold Brown for setting us up with this new location and hosting us.

Crosstable is at right.

More games and photos next issue.

27th HOLIDAY OPEN
Dec 30 2017 • G/15;+15 • TD Jim Berry

#	Name	Rtng	Post	St	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Tot
1	Adonis Turner	2047	2072	OK	W26	W11	W8	W3	4.0
2	Anthony Paolercio	2106	2111	OK	W25	D12	W10	W9	3.5
3	Logan Zachare	2053	2052	OK	W13	W18	W4	L1	3.0
4	Stephen Gehly	1983	1977	OK	W6	W5	L3	W13	3.0
5	Oscar Wang	1440	1452	OK	W30	L4	W17	W14	3.0
6	Gabriel Teubner	1142	1291	OK	L4	W30	W15	W16	3.0
7	James Long	2033	2035	OK	W21	W15	H---	D8	3.0
8	Arthur D Mitchell	2114	2105	TX	W19	W16	L1	D7	2.5
9	Tom Braunlich	2209	2194	OK	W22	D10	W12	L2	2.5
10	Joshua Fernandes	1753	1765	KS	W20	D9	L2	W22	2.5
11	Jeff W McMillen	1480	1483	MO	W17	L1	D21	W20	2.5
12	Luke M Tran	1619	1635	KS	W32	D2	L9	W21	2.5
13	Luke D Bjork	1214	1280	AR	L3	W31	W18	L4	2.0
14	Preston Koloen	362	578	OK	W29	L23	W19	L5	2.0
15	Istvan Szabad	1467	1444	OK	W28	L7	L6	W27	2.0
16	Richard Ravits	1741	1717	OK	W27	L8	W25	L6	2.0
17	Adley Bufford	unr.	1353	OK	L11	W26	L5	W25	2.0
18	Maxwell Barnes	1619	1594	OK	W31	L3	L13	W26	2.0
19	Gabe A Coss	1435	1404	OK	L8	W27	L14	W28	2.0
20	Hyrum Karol Moses	1090	1186	OK	L10	D22	W24	L11	1.5
21	Omar Abouzahr	1148	1183	OK	L7	W28	D11	L12	1.5
22	Jeremy L Brown	1438	1422	OK	L9	D20	W29	L10	1.5
23	Jim Berry	1889	1890	OK	H---	W14	U---	U---	1.5
24	William A Sparks	1604	1575	OK	H---	U---	L20	W30	1.5
25	John H Taylor	1314	1295	OK	L2	W32	L16	L17	1.0
26	Philip Stegall	1198	1185	OK	L1	L17	W31	L18	1.0
27	Zachary Winn	1007	1003	OK	L16	L19	W30	L15	1.0
28	Liko Ironherron	unr.	953	OK	L15	L21	X32	L19	1.0
29	Rebecca Rutledge	631	590	OK	L14	H---	L22	U---	0.5
30	Gabe Treadwell	unr.	604	OK	L5	L6	L27	L24	0.0
31	Chris Swanson	unr.	750	OK	L18	L13	L26	U---	0.0
32	Cordell Williams	739	736	OK	L12	L25	F28	U---	0.0

The Rookie:

An Odyssey through Chess (and Life)

Bloomsbury Publishing 2016
(www.bloomsbury.com),
408 pages, $28

Reviewed by John Donaldson

The Rookie: An Odyssey through Chess (and Life) by Stephen Ross is the rare chess book that can be read from cover to cover without a chessboard.

Written by a British journalist and keen chess player, it chronicles his quest to improve at age when most top players have already retired.

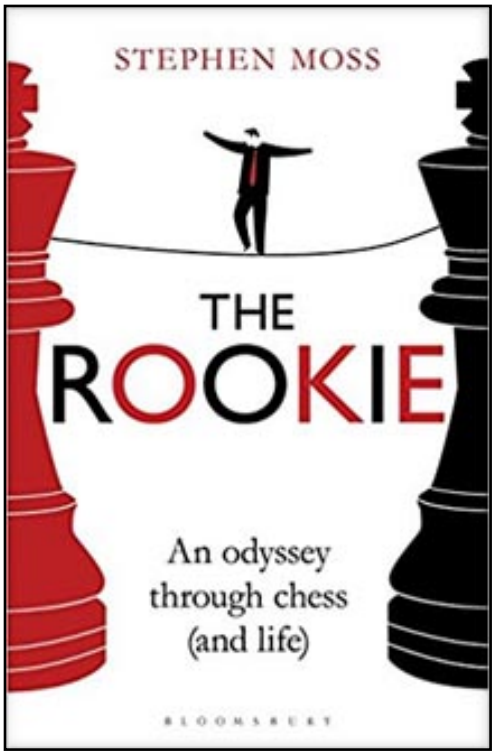
Many an average club player (rated roughly 1600 to 1800) has reached middle-age and fantasized if they might yet become an Expert or even a Master – Moss more modestly aspires to reach 1900. If they could just minimize the distractions of life and focus their energies on improving their game could they become the player they always thought possible?

The Rookie is a witty and charming account of just how difficult it is to teach an older player new tricks. Moss takes his quest seriously, enlisting the support of a number of strong players from former World Championship Candidate Jonathan Speelman to chess database maven John Saunders. He takes lessons, studies hard and plays in tournament from Moscow to the Marshall Chess Club, but progress proves elusive.

Moss does more than focus on his journey. He writes of meeting Garry Kasparov and Magnus Carlsen, world champions past and present. He pays a visit to the Chess Club and Scholastic Center of St. Louis where he talks with Rex Sinquefield who has singlehandedly changed the face of American chess.

The contrast Moss draws between chess in the United States and England is dramatic. England was the second strongest country in the world after the Soviet Union in the 1980s, but three decades later things are not going well as Moss explains. It has several 2700 players and one good tournament (the London Chess Classic), but little else.

Reading about the battles with endurance Moss faces in two games a day, multi-day events, one can't help wishing he could have found something with a more civilized schedule. A tournament played at a rate of one game a week allows not only for a more relaxed pace, but the chance to socialize with ones fellow competitors. Sadly such events are not so easily found these days.



The Rookie won't improve your game, but chess players of a certain age will find it a great read.

Turner, Adonis (2047)
Zachare, Logan (2053) [B07]
27th Holiday Open 2017 (4.1), 30.12.2017
[Notes by Braunlich]

This was the last round top board game at the 27th Holiday Open, and was quite exciting.

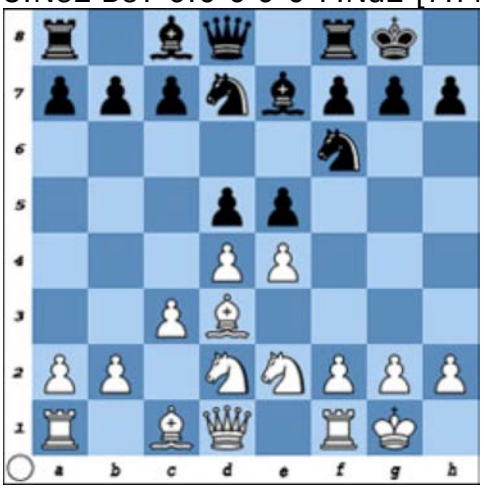
Adonis Turner has proven himself to be quite a dangerous attacking player, as exemplified by this and other games from this event.

1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Bd3 e5 This is a recommended response to white's third move, which wants to leave open the possibility of playing c2-c3 to keep solid pawn control in the center.

4.c3 Nbd7

4...Nc6 or the immediate 4...d5!? are more common, but this is also good.

5.Ne2 Be7 6.0-0 0-0 7.Nd2 [7.f4!?] 7...d5



This break is probably best, but it does open up the center and relieve white of his rather cramped piece formation. Also possible is to keep the center closed with 7...c5 such as in the GM game Nuber-Popilski 2014, which, came about via a Sicilian move order. After 8.d5 Nh5 9.Nc4 b5 10.Ne3 c4 11.Bc2 a6 12.a4 etc.

8.exd5 Nxd5

[8...exd4 would allow 9.c4 which looks a little better for white.]

9.Nf3 exd4 10.Nexd4= N7f6?!

I think this is inaccurate. Black needs to take the opportunity to force white's dangerous king bishop off the attacking diagonal, which as we will see in the game becomes the basis of a strong attack. 10...Nc5 11.Bc2 *(11.Bc4 Nb6 12.Be2 Bf6* is easy equality in my opinion.*)* 11...Re8 12.Nf5 Bxf5 13.Bxf5 Bf6 and now black's king is well defended, compared to the game, with the possibility of ...g6 to block the diagonal.

11.Nf5 Bc5?!

Although my computer thinks this is fine, I don't like letting the knight live on f5. Kasparov used to say a N on f5 was worth a rook, and this game is good evidence why. I'd say better is to lop it off right now: 11...Bxf5 12.Bxf5 g6 13.Bd3= Yes white has two bishops but black's position is quite solid.

12.Bg5 c6 13.Qc2 h6

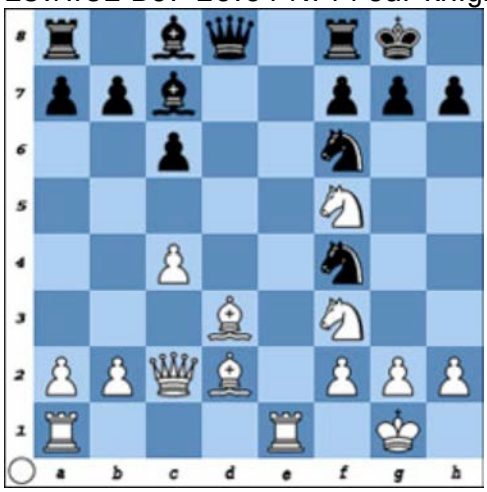
Now it is rather too late for the ...Bxf5 idea: 13...Bxf5 14.Bxf5 g6? *(14...h6≤)* 15.c4! Nc7 16.Rad1 Qe7 17.Rd7+

14.Bd2

This position is still perhaps about equal, but it is much easier to play for white, who is building up his potential attack. Adonis is getting a reputation as a strong attacker, and here he is simply going to finish his development and use his N on f5 to sac something. Meanwhile, it is hard for black to come up with a good plan here.

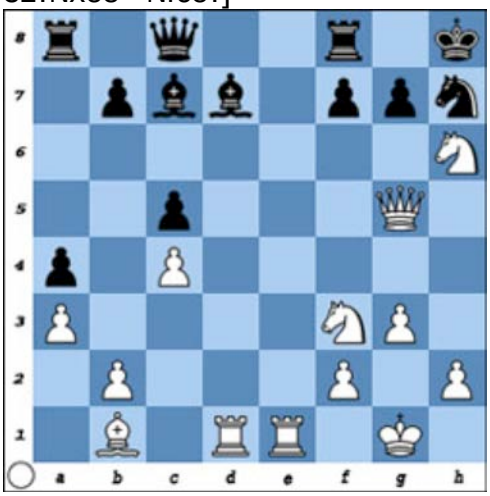
14...Bb6 Black has the idea to counter by moving his own N up hear white's king, on f4. But it is a little slow...

15.Rfe1 Bc7 16.c4 Nf4 Four knights in a row!



17.Bxf4 Bxf4 18.Rad1
Development is complete. Can white find a strong attacking plan now to take advantage of his more active pieces? Yes!
18...Bd7 19.g3!
First the bishop is forced to give up its good central position, where it is protecting the weakness on h6.
19...Bc7 20.Qc3
Pinning the N, and Nxh6 is an idea "in the air" and will come if black ever moves his Q to a square where it isn't protecting the knight on f6.
20...c5 21.a3 a5
Logan is a resourceful defender, and he has ideas of ...Ra6 to give lateral protection to the N on f6.

22.Bb1!
Unveiling a pin on black's d7 bishop, and now Rxd7 ideas are always in the air too, drawing black's queen away from protecting f6. And also of course there are ideas of Qc2.
22...Kh8
[22...Re8 23.Rxe8+ Qxe8 24.Nxh6+]
23.Nxh6!
Finally the breakthrough, made possible because black is so tied up. Now if 23...gxh6 comes a forced winning sequence: 24.Rxd7! Qxd7 25.Qxf6+ Kg8 26.Ng5! hxg5 27.Qxg5+ Kh8 28.Qh6+ Kg8 29.Qh7#; 23...Ra6 24.Nf5 is also winning. So Logan gets a counter-threat (...Ba5) and hopes to activate some pieces.
23... a4
White has won an important pawn but black is still ticking. White will have to find a good way to regroup and continue his attack.
24.Qe3! Qc8 25.Qg5
Now with the Queen posted up on g5, white is all set to pave the way for Nf5 by taking out black's B on d7 first.
25...Nh7
[25...Ra6 26.Rxd7! Qxd7 27.Nf5 Rg8 28.Qh4+ Nh7 29.Nd6! g6 30.Ng5 Rg7 31.Re8+ Qxe8 32.Nxe8+ Nice.]



26.Nxf7+
Nice, but actually an inaccuracy. A simple win was to be had by again preparing the knight retreat to f5: 26.Bxh7 Kxh7 27.Rxd7! Qxd7 28.Nf5 f6 29.Qh5+ Kg8 30.Ne7+ *(*or *30.Re7)* 30...Qxe7 31.Rxe7 Bd6 32.Qd5+ wins.
26...Rxf7 27.Bxh7 Rxf3
[Logan keeps putting up resistance but is running out of options. If 27...Kxh7 28.Qh4+! (the correct square to check on, so that the Q can support Re7+ in a few moves...) Kg8 29.Ng5 Bf5 30.Nxf7 Kxf7 31.Re7+ Kg8 32.Qg5 Qf8 33.Rxc7]

28.Re7 Qf8 29.Bg6 Bf4 30.gxf4 Qxf4 31.Qh5+ Kg8 [31...Qh6 32.Qxh6+ gxh6 33.Rdxd7]
32.Qh7+ Kf8 33.Rf7+
Spotting a way to take a whole queen white takes it, but of course better was 33.Qxg7#
33...Qxf7 34.Bxf7 Rxf7
[34...Kxf7 35.Rxd7+ etc.]
35.Qh8+
A very nice attacking game by Adonis Turner, who will be a "player to watch" in 2018!
1-0

UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS

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FEB 17-18 2018 — Oklahoma City Open — OKC, OK

5-SS; G/90+30. Crowne Plaza Oklahoma City, 2945 Northwest Expressway, OKC 73112, (405)848-4811, HR: $59/night. Two Sections: Open, and Reserve (U1700). EF: $40 if mailed by 2/7, $50 thereafter, FREE entry for Masters 2200+ (deducted from prizewinnings). Free OCF Memb. Prizes $$2350 (1st prize Gtd., the rest b/64). Open: $500(G)-250 U2100: 250-100, U1900: 250-100, Reserve (U1700): $300-150, U1400: 200-100, U1100/UNR: 150. More $$ if entries permit. Byes: One half-point bye Rds. 1-5 if commit before Sat 9PM. REG.: 9-9:45 Sat AM. Rounds: 10-2:30-7, 9-1:15. Entries to: Tom Braunlich, 7500 S. Birch, Broken Arrow, OK 74011. Inquiries: tom.braunlich@cox.net Web: www.ocfchess.org.

MAR 3, 2018 — FOUR STATES WINTER OPEN — Joplin, MO

4-SS, G/60 d5. Hilton Garden Inn, 2644 E. 32nd St., Joplin, MO 64804. 2 Sections, Open: $120-80, U1600 60, U1400: $60-40. 4.0 Bonus: $20. Prizes: b/30 EF: $30 by 3/2, $40 at door. Scholastic (rating only) $15 by 3/2, $25 at door. MCA mem required, OSA Reg.: 8-9. Rounds: 9:30-11:45-2:30-4:45. Byes: One 1/2-point bye if requ before rd 2 Ent: martin.stahl@joplinchess.org with cash onsite, paypal.me/joplinchess or mailed to Joplin Chess Club, 2609 New Hampshire, Joplin, MO 64804. Checks payable to Martin Stahl. Information: joplinchess.org, martin.stahl@joplinchess.org, 417-483-1554.

MAR 23-25, 2018 — 22nd MID-AMERICA OPEN — St. Louis, MO

5-SS, 40/100, SD/30d10 (2-day option). Clayton Plaza Hotel St. Louis-Clayton, 7750 Carondelet Ave, St. Louis, MO (I-64 W/US 40-W, Exit 32B, 1.2 miles north on Hanley Rd). Prizes $20,000 (G) in six sections. MORE INFO: http://www.uschess.org/tlas/upcoming.php?STATE=MO Questions: DirectorAtChess.US, chesstour.com, chesstour.info,

MAR 24-25, 2018 — ARKANSAS OPEN — Fayetteville, AR

5-SS, G/90,+30. Mt. Sequoyah Rereat Center, 150 N. Skyline Dr, Fayetteville, AR. (479)443-4531. Cottage cabins available. **EF**: Open $40 by 3/23; $50 at site; Reserve (U1600): $30 by 3/23; $35 at site. **$$Prizes** (b/40): Open: $225-125; U1800 $125; Reserve: $150-75: U1400: $100; U1000: $50, Upset $50. **Info:** cl_kline@sbcglobal.net (479)595-5720

APR 21, 2018 — RRSO XVI (Red River Shootout) — Davis, OK

"The annual team match between the most fanatical chess players in Oklahoma and Texas!" Team members will play 2 games with the same opponent. An effort is made to pair players of about the same rating. Rounds: 10:00am and 1:00pm, Time Control G/60;+30, EF: $5 at door. Prizes: Bragging rights. Location: Treasure Valley Casino, I-35 and Hwy 7 (Exit 55 off I-35), Davis, OK (580) 369-3223. Hotel Rooms available. Handicap accessible. Free WiFi. Eligibility: Open to OK and TX players who are current USCF members. Team Roster Selection: To get on the team you must register early with your state team captain by April 1, 2018. (See contact info below). Captains will work with the Chief TD to create the matchups and announce the pairings soon after the April 1 deadline. Players not on the team may come and play a side tournament, the Murray County Championship, with each other and be available as a sub. Your best chance to get on the team is to register early.

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May 19-20, 2018 — 2nd FRANK K BERRY MEMORIAL — Tulsa, OK

5-SS, G?90;+30, Wyndham Hotel Tulsa, 41st and Garnett.
Blndfold Chess Exhibition by GM Timur Gareyev tentatively scheduled for the Friday night before, May 18, 6:00pm

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his opponent).] 19...exf4 20.Rxf4 h5! To allow black's next move. 21.Be2 f5! Very nice play by Sho. White's central weaknesses now come under attack. 22.Nd4 Desperation. But what else? [22.exf5 Qe3+ 23.Rf2 Ne4 wins the exchange.; 22.Nc3 fxe4 23.Rxf8+ Rxf8µ] 22...Nxd4 23.Rxd4 Nxe4 24.g4? [24.Rfxe4 fxe4 25.Rxe4 Qg5 26.Re6 could be tried, but black is simply winning after something like 26...Rf6 27.Bd3 Rxe6 28.dxe6 Qe3+ 29.Kh1 Qxe6 30.Bxg6 Rf8 etc.] 24...Qe5 An unusual fork to win. I suspect these two young players will play many tournament games in the future... 0-1

Dooley, Chris (1939)
Province, Cael (1706) [C02]
Steve Wharry Classic 2017 (3.6), 03.12.2017
[TB]
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nf3 Qb6 6.Bd3 Bd7 7.0-0 The well known pawn gambit. Cael knows you are supposed to take one pawn, but not the other pawn on e5 too. 7...cxd4 8.cxd4 Nxd4 9.Nbd2 Bc5 10.b4!? Be7 [Cael correctly smells that 10...Qxb4 is too risky. White scores well with that line, for example: 11.Nxd4 Bxd4 12.Rb1 Qc3 13.Nf3 Bb6 14.Qe2 h6 15.Bd2 Qc7 16.Rb4 Ne7 17.Rg4 g6 18.Rc1 Nc6 19.Rh4 0-0-0 20.Bb4 Be8 21.Qb2 Kb8 22.Bd6 1-0 (22) Pap,M (2430)-Pushkov,N (2482)/Belgrade 2006/CBM 115 ext] 11.Re1 Rc8 12.Nxd4 Qxd4 13.Nb3 Qc3 [Now you can safely take this pawn and put your Q on a4: 13...Qxb4 14.Bd2 Qa4µ] 14.Be3 a6 15.a3?! [is better, with comp for the pawn. Dooley's move is a bit of a bluff, and Cael correctly calls it and grabs the center pawn. 15.Bc5] 15...Qxe5 16.Bd4 Qg5 17.Nc5 Bxc5 18.Bxc5 Ne7 19.Re3 f5 20.Bd4 Rg8 Solid play by young Cael, and black has the advantage now. 21.Rg3 Qh6 [21...Qf4] 22.Be3 [22.Rh3 Qg5 23.Rg3 Qf4] 22...f4 23.Rh3 Qf6 24.Bc5 h6 25.Rb1 Rc6 26.Qh5+ Kd8 27.Bxe7+ Kxe7 28.b5 axb5 29.Bxb5 Rb6 30.Bd3 [30.a4 Bxb5 31.axb5 Rxb5] 30...Rxb1+ 31.Bxb1 Rc8 32.Qd1 Qb2 0-1

Turner, Adonis (2037)
Glashausser, Sho (1833) [B12]
Steve Wharry Classic 2017 (2.5), 25.11.2017
[TB]
1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.Ne2 e6 5.Ng3 Bg6 6.Bd3 c5 7.c3 Nc6 8.Ne2 Qb6 9.0-0 Rc8 10.Na3 cxd4 11.cxd4 Bxa3 12.bxa3 Nge7 13.Rb1 Qc7 14.Qb3 Bxd3 15.Qxd3 Na5 [15...0-0=] 16.Qb5+ Nec6 17.Bd2 Nc4!? [Sho is playing for a win. Safer is 17...0-0 18.Bxa5 Qxa5 19.Qxb7 Qxa3] 18.Bb4 a6 19.Qa4 a5! 20.Bc3 [If 20.Bc5 b6 21.Bd6 Qd7! and black is actually better because the bishop is sort of trapped on d6 and can be traded favorably later.] 20...0-0 An interesting position. Black has the advantage on the queenside. White desperately needs counterplay on the other side, but his pieces are engaged on the left side, especially his queen. How to move them over to the kingside fast enough? 21.Qb3 Hoping to eventually slide the Q to the kingside. 21...b5! 22.Rbd1 Rb8 23.Bd2 Qa7 attacking d4 24.Bc1 Defending. 24...a4 [24...b4 25.a4 slows black down on the queenside, so he occupies a4 first so that ...b4 will open lines. But it gives white a move for his queen switch that he has been hoping for a long time. At this point Sho was way behind on time; about 5 minutes left to an hour for white. He has played very well until now but the time disadvantage will soon catch up with him...] 25.Qh3! [This move has the virtue of hindering black's ...f6 defensive idea on the kingside... because the Q is hitting the e6 pawn. 25.Qg3 f6!? 26.exf6 Rxf6 is also a little better for black, but not totally clear.] 25...b4 26.axb4 Nxb4 27.Bg5 Nxa2 [White's attack on the kingside is a lot more potent than it first might appear. 27...f6 could be considered, to allow the Q lateral protection of the kingside, even at the cost of a pawn. But 28.exf6 gxf6 29.Qxe6+ Qf7 *(29...Kg7?!)* 30.Qxf7+ Rxf7 31.Bf4 Ra8 But unfortunately white would hold his extra pawn with simply 32.Nc3± Still black might have some drawing chances here. In the game black grabs the pawn and stakes his chances on the queenside passer for counterplay...] 28.Nf4 [28.Bf6 gxf6

29.Qh6 fxe5 30.Qg5+= White wants more than a draw though.]

28...Rb3?

[This tempting move apparently loses. White wants to move his queen anyway so black is actually losing a tempo. Apparently Black must play 28...Rfc8 to enable him to run with ...Kf8. 29.Qg4 Kf8 30.Nh5!? *(*Or just *30.Rfe1)* with a rather unclear position.] 29.Qg4 Kh8 30.Nh5! [Here black lost on time. 30.Nh5 f5 *(30...Rg8 31.Nf6 g6 32.Nxh7* wins*)* 31.exf6 gxf6 32.Bxf6+ Rxf6 33.Nxf6 Qf7 was the best chance for black, giving up the exchange and hoping to do something with his passer.] 1-0

Dooley, Chris (1939)
Calupitan, Ben (1614) [B77]
Steve Wharry Classic 2017 (1.8), 25.11.2017
[TB]

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Be3 Bg7 7.f3 0-0 8.Bc4 Nc6 9.Qd2 Re8 [A rare move, aimed at allowing black to answer Bh6 with Bh8 retaining dark bishops, but if the R can't find a purpose here it will be a lost tempo. 9...Bd7] 10.0-0-0 Bd7 11.g4 Qc8 [11...Ne5 12.Bb3 a6 13.h4 h5 14.gxh5 Nxh5 15.Rdg1 b5 16.Bh6 Bh8 17.Qg5 Bf6 18.Qd2 Qa5 19.f4 Nc4 20.Qd3 Rac8 21.f5 Kh7 22.Bg5 Bxd4 23.Qxd4 gxf5 24.Nd5 e5 25.Qd1 Ng7 26.Nf6+ Kg6 27.h5+ Nxh5 28.Qxh5+ 1-0 Makhlin,M-Masalov,A (2228)/Moscow 1996] 12.Bb3 a6 13.h4 b5 In the Dragon, every tempo is crucial and black's play has been a little slow compared to the main lines. White's attack now hits first. 14.h5 Ne5 15.hxg6 hxg6 16.Bh6 Bh8

17.Bf8!! A sweet shot! It's funny, the black rook moved away from f8 so that this bishop wouldn't take it if black retreated his bishop to h8 as here... and yet the white bishop goes to f8 anyway, even not taking the rook! It takes my computer a good 30 seconds to switch to this move as the best (from among several good moves available to white here). 17...Nfxg4 [17...Rxf8 18.Rxh8+ Kxh8 19.Qh6+ Kg8 20.Nd5 Re8 21.Nxf6+ exf6 22.Rh1 mates; 17...Kxf8 18.Rxh8+ Kg7 19.Qh6#; 17...Nh5!? 18.gxh5 Kxf8 19.hxg6 wins] 18.fxg4 Nxg4 19.Bh6 [Satisfied with having won a piece Dooley retreats, but there was a nice quick win with 19.Qg5! (threatening Qxg6+), and now if 19...Rxf8 20.Qxg6+ or if 19...e6 20. Bxd6(!) wins easily.] 19...Qc5 20.Qf4 Bf6 21.Nf3 Nxh6 22.Qxh6 e6 23.Ne2 Rac8 24.Qf4 Bg7 25.Rxd6 Bc6 26.Ned4 Bxe4 27.Rd7 Bf5 28.Nxf5 Qxf5 29.Qxf5 gxf5 30.Ng5 Rf8 31.Nxe6! ...and white won. 1-0

Horton, Stanley (1514)
Coss, Gabe (1259) [B08]
Steve Wharry Classic 2017 (4.15), 26.11.2017
[TB]

Key game in the Reserve section. 1.d4 Nf6 2.Bf4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Nf3 0-0 6.Bc4 h6 7.0-0 Nh5 8.Be3 e5 9.Qd2 exd4 10.Nxd4 Kh7 11.Rad1 Nd7 12.f4 Nhf6 13.f5 Ne5 14.Be2 Qe7 15.Rf4! b6 16.Rh4 Ng8 17.Nd5?? [Tragic. 17.Rh3 c6 18.g4 with a winning attack for white.] 17...Qxh4 18.Bf4 Qd8 19.Ne3 Bb7 20.Bd3 Nxd3 21.cxd3 Bxd4 0-1

HOW TO LOSE A CAR

You've heard of players losing a piece while playing chess, or maybe even losing a queen.
But the famous GM Sammy Reshevsky once lost a CAR!

Here is how it happened. While doing some research I came across this story by George Koltanowsky:

"How a Car Was Lost and Won: During the 1955 U.S. Open at Long Beach, California, "X" beat one opponent and was naturally credited on the result sheet with a win. Later "X" learned from other players that his opponent, during the game and when "X" was absent from the board, had retracted a move he had made, and made another move instead. "X" went to the tournament director and demanded that his opponent should be penalized.
'But you have a win marked up on the board and on your card, what more do you want?' sputtered the T.D.
'Not enough,' said "X", angrily. 'This man deserves to be punished. Circle the point, I prefer people believe I received the point by forfeit than that I played this man." The T.D. complied.
NOW COME THE COMPLICATIONS!!!
The first prize was a new $3000 car. If two players tied, the Median points would decide the winner of the car, the other players would get a thousand dollars. (Median points are the accumulated points of players you have played. For a forfeit a half point is deductd from the total points of the person you played with.) So two players, Nicholas Rossolimo and Sammy Reshevsky, did tie. Rossolimo got the car because the Median points gave him a slight edge.
BUT later on it was discovered that Reshevsky had received only 5.5 Median points for playing "X", though "X" had scored a total of 6 points.
"X"'s insistence that the one game be considered 'forfeited' resulted in costing Sammy half-a-point… enough to make a difference. That is how a car was lost and won!!"

Poor Sammy never got a break! A $3000 car in 1955 would be the equal of a $28,000 prize today, adjusting for inflation, so this is a big deal.

I asked on the USCF Forums for tournament directors about what the TD should have done in this case. They were unanimous that the result should not have been changed… once the result of a game has been determined by the players you don't change it. In this case, the TD did the cheating player a favor, as the game would not be rated as a loss either. Reshevsky would have won the car!

14-yr old Colorado Expert **Tyler B. Hughes** was interviewed in the recent Colorado Chess Informat. Among the things he said were: "I bought 40 chess books and read them all." "My strategy when I am playing is that I try very hard to force my opponent to react to my threats instead of making progress with their own plans." "I think that if players who are between 1200 and 1500 would stop blundering, their rating would move a lot closer to the 1600 level. The thing that helped me the most to go from 1800 to 2000 is that I kept playing and studying even when I was getting really frustrated by my apparent total lack of improvement. I believe that if you're 1800 and you keep studying eventually the knowledge will build up and you will have a breakthrough. Basically, **keep studying and playing** even when things aren't going well….."

Tyler Hughes after winning the 2008 U.S. Junior Closed Championship